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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Karl L. GINTER et al.) Group Art Unit: 2132
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Serial No.: 09/466,171) Examiner: Justin T. Darrow
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Filed: December 17, 1999)
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For: TRUSTED INFRASTRUCTURE)
SUPPORT SYSTEMS, METHODS)
AND TECHNIQUES FOR SECURE)
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE)
TRANSACTION AND RIGHTS)
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated February 11, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to:

Group 1: Claims 1 and 21-51, drawn to a distributed commerce utility, a secure communications system, a method of routing a secure container, a method of generating a secure container, a method of generating a rule set associated with a secure container, a secure checkpoint, and a network, classified in class 713, subclass 193 or Group II: Claims 52-71, drawn to a first digital certificate, a digital certifying authority, a virtual distribution environment administration node, and a method of generating a first virtual entity certificate, classified in class 713, subclass 156.

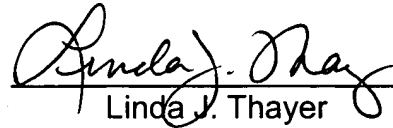
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group 1 (claims 1 and 21-51).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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